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## U. S. ASSURED OF REPARATION FOR MURDER OF M'ANUS

Convention Foreign Office Chief  
Tells Brazilian Envoy That  
Zapatistas Will Be Pun-  
ished.

Suitable Indemnity for Ameri-  
can's Family Also Promised.  
Note Accepted as Satisfac-  
tory.

The State Department was ad-  
vised today by the Brazilian min-  
ister at Mexico City that the pro-  
visional government of Mexico will  
take immediate steps to punish  
the Zapatistas who murdered John  
D. McManus, and will pay an in-  
demnity to the American's family.  
The telegram reached Secretary  
Bryan today. It said:  
"Ismael Palafox, who was in  
command of the convention foreign  
office, has resumed charge again.  
I placed before him full facts in  
the McManus case and he promised  
everything would be done immedi-  
ately to cause punishment of the  
guilty parties and to arrange to pay  
a suitable indemnity to the family."

**NOTE SATISFACTORY.**  
The assurances given by Palafox  
are taken to be a satisfactory answer  
to the representations sent by Bryan  
to Gen. Zapata and repeated last night  
to Gen. Villa, through George C. Car-  
others, American consular agent with  
the revolutionary chief.  
That Palafox has resumed charge  
of the foreign office for the Villa-Zapata  
government is taken as an indication  
that the convention government under  
Provisional President Roque Gonzalez  
Garza has returned to Mexico City and  
again assumed control. Previous dis-  
patches, while reporting the arrival of  
Zapata's forces, did not make mention  
of the return of Garza's cabinet, which  
fled from Mexico City when the Obre-  
gon-Carranzala forces occupied the  
capital.

**Spain Protests Again.**  
The Spanish ambassador again has  
put the question of the protection of  
his country's citizens in Mexico up to  
the State Department. He told Bryan  
that four Spaniards met death while  
Obregon occupied the city, and that his  
countrymen were in even greater danger  
now because of the admitted fact that  
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## HOTEL CLERK HELD UP AND SHOT DEAD

Two Desperadoes Flee Past Two  
Policemen After Takin g\$30  
From Cash Drawer.

NEW YORK, March 14.—One of the  
most daring hold-ups in a long time  
took place early today when two rob-  
bers shot and killed Charles Miller,  
forty-three, night clerk in the Hotel  
Athen, and stole \$30 from the cash  
drawer.

A few minutes before the crime  
Miller asked a maid to make him coffee  
and Charles Wilson, the elevator boy,  
took her to the basement. Shots made  
them both hurry back and they found  
Miller staggering. He cried "I'm shot—  
I'm dying." Meanwhile the two des-  
peradoes were backing out of the en-  
trance, their hands pulled over their eyes  
and pistols leveled.

As soon as the hold-up was over  
Wilson rushed out and saw two patrol-  
men a few feet from the hotel. The  
robbers had passed them without excit-  
ing suspicion.

An ambulance was called and Dr.  
Murray found Miller lying on the floor  
near the heart and a few feet from the  
entrance. He tried to revive Miller,  
but found him dead. The ambulance  
and a few minutes later the New  
York Hospital.

Several bullets were found in the  
walls, indicating that there had been a  
struggle. Miller evidently had refused  
to surrender the hotel cash and had  
paid for his bravery with his life.

Florida, the Carolinas, Georgia.  
Seaboard Air Line Ry. Best trains.  
Best service, shortest way. Atlanta, Bir-  
mingham. Inq. 1416 N. Y. ave.—Adv.

## U. S. Hopelessly Behind In Military Strength, Even Americans Admit

Belief That Nation Could "Lick  
Creation" No Longer Ex-  
pressed Here.

MANY BEGINNING TO WONDER  
Even Small Nations in Old  
World Better Prepared,  
Oscar King Davis Says.

By OSCAR KING DAVIS.  
When the average American citizen  
pauses long enough in the busy routine  
of his regular occupation or his amuse-  
ment, as the case may be, to give even  
a passing thought of the problem of  
what his country would encounter if,  
unfortunately, it should be forced into  
war, it is most likely that one of the  
great military powers of the world  
comes into his mind as the possible  
antagonist of the United States.  
We have been so accustomed, as a  
people, and for so many years to think-  
ing of our own military status with the  
supreme self-satisfaction of almost  
total ignorance, that the suggestion of  
"war" brings forward at once the name  
of one of the nations capable of really  
making war, such as Germany, or  
Japan, or Russia, or Great Britain.  
It is true that in the last two or three  
years of extreme disturbance in Mexico  
there has been no little talk in the  
United States about the possibility of  
war with that country. But most of it  
all of it has been of a condescending  
or contemptuous air, as if we were giv-  
ing a title of dignity to what would in  
reality be merely a policing exercise.  
It is not worth while to spend time  
or space here to adduce evidence regard-  
ing American self-complacency over  
our military prowess. We have been  
admitting to ourselves and all the  
world for so many years that we could  
undoubtedly "lick creation" if it should  
become necessary that we are all fairly  
familiar with that estimate of our abili-  
ties which we have put upon ourselves.  
It is only since the marvelous doings  
of Japan in her war with Russia, and  
especially since the outbreak of the  
present war in Europe, that there seems  
to have grown up among a great many  
Americans a suspicion that slinking crea-  
tion is not as easy a proposition as it  
used to be. Some, even

## EITEL SKIPPER MUM ON 'DIPLOMATIC' NOTE

Has Not Yet Informed U. S. How  
Long German Raider Wants  
to Stay.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 14.—  
Although the "diplomatic remark" sent  
to the commander of the Prinz Eitel  
Friedrich on Friday asked for a specific  
statement as to the time he desires to  
remain in this port to repair, no answer  
has been received yet by Collector Ham-  
ilton, who kept the customhouse open  
for the purpose of receiving it.  
If the German commander, Captain  
Thierichsen, makes his reply before  
night, it is believed here that the Fed-  
eral Government will decide tomorrow  
how much time the German raider will  
be allowed to remain in these waters  
without interfering. The final examina-  
tion of the naval survey board, con-  
sisting of Naval Constructors William G.  
Dubose, Lieutenant Commander Norris,  
and Lieutenant Allen, from the Norfolk  
Navy Yard, will be made aboard the  
Eitel tomorrow.

When this decision is made the ques-  
tion of leaving American waters in the  
teeth of the coroner of British warships  
which has been drawn across the Cape  
beyond the three-mile limit with the al-  
ternative of internment at Newport  
News until the close of the war will  
be squarely up to the German com-  
mander.

**Berlin Not to Protest  
Effort to Get Redress  
For Loss of the Frye**

Following a conference at which Count  
von Bernstorff, the German ambassador,  
stated that Germany will not protest  
efforts by the United States to obtain  
redress for the sinking of the American  
cruiser William P. Frye by the Ger-  
man cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, Coun-  
sellor Lansing, of the State Department,  
today took up the problem of shaping  
this Government's policy in the Prinz  
Eitel Friedrich case.

Mr. Lansing was in conference for  
more than an hour today with Joseph  
P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President.  
At the close of the conference Mr. Lan-  
sing said he was not ready to discuss  
the State Department policy in the al-  
legation arising from the sinking of the  
Frye.  
Mr. Lansing declared, however, that  
there was no foundation for the report  
that two members of the Frye's crew  
were imprisoned against their will on  
the German cruiser. Department ad-  
vice, he said, showed that the two  
members of the crew were Germans  
who had acted voluntarily in remaining  
on the Eitel Friedrich.  
No serious conflict with Germany  
over the situation is expected.

If U. S. Had Been in  
Belgium's Place.

What would have happened  
last August, for instance, if  
we had been in Belgium's  
place? Is there any sober-  
minded man in the United  
States at all familiar with our  
military situation who fancies  
that we should have been able  
to stop the Germans in their  
first rush upon Liege? Does  
any American believe that we  
could have checked the on-  
rush of the Kaiser's men at  
any subsequent stage of their  
dash through Belgium?

Why after all these months of  
desperate fighting, and after  
all her terrible losses, Bel-  
gium today has a larger army  
of trained men in the field  
than we can muster if we  
have to go to war.  
The Germans would have run  
over us even more easily  
than they did over the Bel-  
gians, and we should have  
been left to eat our rage and  
protest that we enjoyed the  
meal.—From an article by  
O. K. Davis.

among our most flamboyant patriots,  
are considerably less covetous than  
they were only a short time ago.  
This doubt began to show itself when  
we saw the Japanese inflict defeat upon  
the Russians, who, up to then, had  
been regarded generally as well nigh  
invincible. It has grown very materi-  
ally as we have watched the extraor-  
dinary performance of the troops of  
three or four nations upon the battle-  
fields of Europe.  
There are plenty of good, substantial  
American citizens now who are ready  
to admit that maybe we had better  
take stock of ourselves and see if we  
can do something to strengthen our  
lines a bit against possible emergencies.  
Well, what emergencies might arise  
which we have watched the world  
What nations are there which take  
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## SHOT ACCIDENTALLY, MRS. ALLEN IS DEAD

Unconscious Since Tragedy a  
Week Ago, Woman Expires  
as Doctors Watch Husband.

Mrs. Carrie E. Allen, who was ac-  
cidentally shot through the head by  
her husband in the Allen home, 1223  
Pleasant street, Anacostia, last Sun-  
day morning, died in Casualty Hospi-  
tal this morning at 9 o'clock today.  
Claude B. Allen, the husband, was  
with Mrs. Allen when the end came.  
Allen, his nerves shattered by the  
tragedy, had been watched by physi-  
cians at the hospital for fear his mind  
would break under the strain and he  
might harm himself.  
An inquest over the body of Mrs.  
Allen will be held at the morgue to-  
morrow morning. Allen will be the  
chief witness before the coroner's  
jury. No other person saw the trag-  
edy in the Allen home except little  
Claudia Allen, three years old. Mrs.  
Allen had been unconscious since she  
was taken to Casualty a week ago.  
The Allen's children, two girls and  
a boy, are under the care of their  
mother, Mrs. Martha E. Allen, of 1306  
Monroe street northwest.  
Mrs. Allen was in the kitchen of  
her home, preparing Sunday dinner,  
when the shooting occurred. Allen  
went to the cupboard to take out an  
old revolver to clean it. Just as his  
wife turned her head to speak to  
him, the weapon went off. A bullet  
had entered the right eye, and pass-  
ing through the head, went out be-  
hind the left ear.  
Allen was arrested by police of the  
Anacostia precinct, but was released  
after an investigation.

**Boys Lost in Old Mine,  
One Starves to Death**

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 14.—Wil-  
liam Hale, aged 5, and Albert Tomlin-  
son, aged 10, wandered away from their  
home in Bankville, near here, March  
6, and searching parties were unable  
to find them until a number of men en-  
tered an abandoned coal mine.  
There they came upon the dead body  
of Hale, and nearby was Tomlinson,  
almost dead from starvation. The boys  
had lost their way.

## ACQUITTAL OF THAW CALLED "OUTRAGE" BY PROSECUTOR

Deputy Attorney General De-  
clares Verdict Sets Danger-  
ous Precedent—Sanity Test  
to Be Sought.

Prisoner's Lawyers Will Apply  
for Habeas Corpus Writ.  
Fugitive From Matteawan  
Nearer Freedom Than Ever.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Harry  
K. Thaw is nearer liberty today  
than he has been in all the years  
since he murdered Stanford White.  
His acquittal on the charge of  
conspiracy in escaping from Mat-  
teawan and the unofficial verdict  
of the jury that he is now sane is  
regarded as a long step toward his  
final release.

In order to gain time, one of his  
lawyers, Abel Smith, made a mo-  
tion that he be returned to New  
Hampshire, from which State he  
was extradited in obedience to the  
mandate of the United States Su-  
preme Court. That motion will be  
argued tomorrow.

**CALLS IT "OUTRAGEOUS."**

Frank K. Cook, deputy attorney gen-  
eral, denounced the verdict as outrage-  
ous. He said it represented a worst  
miscarriage of justice that the Clergy  
verdict in Rockland county, and said  
if its acceptance of the law were fol-  
lowed, Sing Sing would be emptied of  
its murderers.  
"It is outrageous," said Cook. "It  
beats the Clergy verdict a mile. The  
jury general does not believe that  
Thaw's rambling utterances on the  
stand could convince a jury of his san-  
ity. The verdict, I believe, sets a  
dangerous precedent. The forty murder-  
ers now in Sing Sing can escape as soon  
as they can amass \$5,000 apiece.  
The acquittal of Thaw marks the be-  
ginning of a new fight to establish  
Thaw's sanity according to the proce-  
dure of the law."

**Sanity Was Not an Issue.**

The question of Thaw's sanity was not  
made an issue in the trial just passed,  
the judge ruling it out absolutely, even  
forbidding the jury to mention it in  
their verdict, so that Thaw's lawyers  
will apply for a habeas corpus writ  
and seek to have him tried to de-  
termine whether he is insane.  
They feel confident that since he  
has convinced twelve men of his sanity  
he can convince twelve more. They  
will be at liberty to call as lay wit-  
nesses the twelve men of the jury who  
acquitted him on the conspiracy charge.  
Thaw passed the day quietly in his  
cell in the Tombs. His mother, Mrs.  
Mary Copley Thaw, and his sister, Mrs.  
Lauder Carnegie, called on him, con-  
gratulated him on his success and talk-  
ed over the steps to be taken in future.

**Thaw Talks Little.**

Thaw talked little. He had been  
warned not to say anything for pub-  
lication, and he referred all questions to  
his lawyers. He ate a good breakfast  
and seemed in lively spirits, having re-  
covered from the rheumatism in his  
neck, which has affected him recently.  
It is said John B. Stanchfield, chief  
counsel for Thaw, has concluded to let  
him decide the course to be followed  
now. He has been told there is an ex-  
cellent chance of getting him back to  
New Hampshire. Thaw is inclined,  
however, not to press that motion, but  
to remain in New York and fight  
through habeas corpus proceedings to  
settle for all time the question of his  
mental condition in this State.

**His Twenty-Year Sentence  
Cut Down to 50 Months**

PEORIA, Ill., March 14.—Newton C.  
Dougherty, former superintendent of  
the public school system here, served  
fifty months of a second term of one  
to twenty years for embezzlement in  
the State penitentiary last night.  
He entered Joliet at 9:05 and, ac-  
cording to a prearranged plan, was  
released on a pardon signed by Gov-  
ernor Dunne at 8:00. Dougherty made full  
restitution of the \$500,000 he is said to have stolen  
while school superintendent several  
months ago.

## THE BLACK BOX

First installment of the great mystery story, by E. Phillips Oppenheim, which  
has proven the moving picture sensation of the season, will be found in The Times  
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## IN COMMAND OF OPERATION AGAINST DARDANELLES



VICE ADMIRAL SACKVILLE HAMILTON CARDEN,  
Who is in Command of the Anglo-French Fleet of More Than Eighty  
Warships Operating in the Dardanelles.

## ITALY IS EXPECTED TO FIGHT AUSTRIA ALLIES ARE LANDING ARMY IN ASIA MINOR

Indications Point to Failure of  
Germany to Insure Neutral-  
ity of Rome.

ROME, March 14.—Any hour now  
may see the entrance of Italy into  
the European struggle against her  
centuries-old foe, Austria. Soldiers  
are drilling daily near the Austro-  
Italian frontier.  
All the regiments of artillery are  
testing the new cannon, declared to be  
the best in existence.  
At the end of this month 10,000 re-  
serve officers will be at their posts.  
Twenty thousand non-commissioned  
officers will be recalled to the colors.  
The entire fleet is in readiness, and  
its sailors look to the Duke of the  
Abruzzi, on his flagship, the new  
dreadnaught Count Cavour, to make  
the glories of Italy again live on the  
far-seeing Italian opinion, conceives  
of 22,000 tons each in his fleet.  
There is every indication that Ger-  
many has failed to insure the neutral-  
ity of Italy.  
Italy was asked to be satisfied with  
the Trentino, and nothing was said of  
Triest, which Germany, according to  
far-seeing Italian opinion, conceives  
will ultimately become a port of Ger-  
many.

## FEARING BAD NEWS, WOMAN KILLS SELF

Takes Poison in Pullman Rather  
Than Open Letter from  
Daughter.

PUEBLO, Colo., March 14.—Dread of  
the contents of a note is believed to  
have led Mrs. Edith Powers, 50,  
of Kansas City, to take her life while on  
a Missouri Pacific train bound for Den-  
ver.  
Mrs. Powers was found in the wom-  
an's compartment of a Pullman. She  
had taken poison. An envelope  
clutched in her hand bore the inscrip-  
tion "not to be opened until nearing  
Denver."  
It was evidently from Mrs. Powers'  
daughter and stated: "Do not worry,  
everything is all right. I am feeling  
fine. Money affairs will come out in  
our favor after all."

**Police Find No Trace Of  
Police Find No Trace Of**

Though the police of every precinct  
have been on the lookout for little  
Charles R. Wood, the twelve-year-old  
boy who has been missing from home  
since Friday evening, no trace of the  
youngster has been found.  
The boy was last seen at the home of  
his sister, Mrs. Anna Stewart, 1608  
Thirteenth street northwest, where he  
resides, early on Friday evening. It  
was thought he was with playmates  
and would return. But when he did not  
show up during the night, Mrs. Stewart  
asked the police to locate him.

## No British Troops Sent To France for a Month

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville,  
Long Island, March 14.—Because of  
the fear of submarine attacks, no En-  
glish ships have transported troops to  
the continent since February 18, the  
date the German "war zone" decree  
went into effect, according to advices  
received here.

## KAISER MUST SHIFT TROOPS FROM EAST TO CHECK BRITISH

English Successes in Neuve  
Chapelle Region May Compel  
Germans to Abandon Offen-  
sive Against Russians.

Concerted Advance By Allies  
Along Entire Franco-Belgian  
Battle Front Is Predicted  
For This Week.

LONDON, March 14.—Once  
again Germany is forced to make a  
lightning shift of troops and mili-  
tary experts believe her new offen-  
sive against the Russians must be  
abandoned.

The victory of the British troops  
about Neuve Chapelle, in north-  
ern France, is considered the most  
important success in the western  
area since the crown prince and  
Von Kluck were rolled back from  
the Marne in defeat last fall.

Press dispatches today indicate  
a renewal of the forward move-  
ment of the British forces which in  
the last few days netted a gain of  
four miles, driving the Germans  
back from their trenches.

While the war office gives no  
new details of the great battle that  
marked the beginning of the long  
promised general advance, it is ad-  
mitted in military circles that at the  
point chosen for the attempt to  
break the German lines and force  
a general retirement, the British  
supported by the French artillery  
are in overwhelming strength.

Only the immediate support of  
tremendous re-enforcements, it is  
believed, can prevent General  
French from driving his wedge  
through the lines of the enemy and  
forcing a complete readjustment of  
the Kaiser's forces.

**FOR CONCERTED ADVANCE.**

The war office is generally known that  
the new drive was timed to force the abandon-  
ment of the German offensive in Po-  
land, and it is hinted in military circles  
that before the week is over a concerted  
advance against the German trenches  
will begin all along the great bat-  
tle line in France and Flanders.

While the war office and the admiralty  
maintain the strictest silence regard-  
ing the number of men landed in  
France since the troop movement be-  
gan, there is every indication from  
press dispatches that the fresh forces  
of Kitchener have passed the million  
mark and that all is in readiness for  
the overwhelming assault that Eng-  
land's military leader promised for the  
early spring.

**Berlin Admits Gains  
By English; Russian  
Retreat Is Claimed**

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), March 14.  
—The war office frankly admits the  
British are making slight gains in the  
fighting near Neuve Chapelle and be-  
tween Armentieres and Arras.  
These gains, the war office says, are  
comparable to those by the French in  
their fortnight of savage attacks upon  
the German positions in the Cham-  
pagne.

The war office insists that the British  
are now violently on the offensive  
for the same reason that the French  
attacked in the Champagne. Their pur-  
pose is to relieve the pressure on War-  
saw by compelling Germany to with-  
draw troops from the East to the  
French battle line.

Several British warships shelled Ger-  
man positions near Nieport yesterday,  
according to the official statement from  
the war office today. The attack was  
without result, says the war office.

French infantry bullets which produce  
noise when they strike, are being used  
again in the Argonne, according to the  
war office.  
**On Offensive in West.**  
In military circles this is taken as an  
admission by France and England that  
Russia will soon be driven out of Po-  
land unless von Hindenburg's army of  
invaders is greatly depleted.  
As in the Champagne fighting, the  
Germans are largely on the defensive  
around Neuve Chapelle. They have